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Garner, James Wilford. *Introduction to Political Science.* Pp. 616. Price, \$2.50. New York: American Book Company, 1910.

Professor Garner gives us a uniformly excellent book. The field covered is broad, the discussion does not attempt to be exhaustive and the exposition is clear. These should be the characteristics of every book giving an introduction to a branch of study. One of the most valuable features, aside from the character of the text is the well selected bibliography which heads each chapter, and the excellent footnote references through the work. These cover the leading works in French, German and English. Especial emphasis is, of course, placed on American discussions, those most easily available to the student for whom the book is intended.

The subject matter covers six hundred pages, divided as follows: Preliminary definitions and discussions of political science, fifty pages; characteristics, origin and forms of the state, one hundred pages; forms of government, eighty pages; sovereignty, thirty pages; state functions, sixty pages; citizenship, thirty pages; constitutions, thirty pages; governmental departments, one hundred and sixty pages; the electorate, thirty pages.

This enumeration shows the scope of the discussion and the emphasis given different subjects. The space given to the phases of political science, which are a part of the student's experience, is to be commended. Citizenship, nationality, constitutions, division of the powers, the legislative, executive and judiciary, the electorate, these are subjects which can be discussed concretely, but are too often given summary, or purely theoretical treatment in introductory texts. In actual importance for the student they claim the chief place and can well be emphasized even if thereby the study of sovereignty, the true sphere of the state and kindred abstract subjects be assigned less space and left to the student of political theory. Professor Garner has placed college students, college professors and the general reader, much in his debt. As a college text and as a guidebook to the general literature of political science, the book is sure to win favor.

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O'Donnell, F. Hugh. *A History of the Irish Parliamentary Party.* Two volumes. Pp. xxi, 1002. Price, \$5.00. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1910.

A straightforward description of the Irish Parliamentary Party, whether from the standpoint of a supporter of methods employed, or as viewed by a dissenter, is sure to be welcomed by students of Irish politics. Mr. O'Donnell's participation in the Home Rule agitation in the earlier, or Butt period of the discussion, and his later exclusion from it, due to differences with Parnell and his following, fit him particularly for this work, and assure him a hearing. It is inevitable that the personal element should be much in evidence, so much so, indeed, as at times to cloud the real issues of the struggle. Yet it is exactly in this intimate revelation of the personal rela-